

## Chapter 4 - The Great Encounter

### Setting the Stage

Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ and Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ visited the region we now call Utah. Later, \_\_\_\_\_ came to trap \_\_\_\_\_ for their soft, thick \_\_\_\_\_. They often interacted with the \_\_\_\_\_. Then the \_\_\_\_\_ settlers came to stay. This interaction is called "the Great \_\_\_\_\_". There were peaceful encounters, but also \_\_\_\_\_ ones.

### Age of Exploration

For \_\_\_\_\_ of years after Columbus other explorers came to Central and \_\_\_\_\_ America seeking glory and \_\_\_\_\_ and bringing their \_\_\_\_\_ to the Indian people. They started a large Spanish \_\_\_\_\_.

Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ and priests moved on horseback from Mexico into today's New Mexico, \_\_\_\_\_, and California. The Spanish claimed the land, but it really belonged to the \_\_\_\_\_.

Almost \_\_\_\_\_ years after Columbus first came to the Americas, a Spanish explorer named \_\_\_\_\_ went looking for silver deposits. They eventually reached the future sight of \_\_\_\_\_ on the Colorado River. Rivera carved a large \_\_\_\_\_ on a poplar \_\_\_\_\_.

A presidio was: \_\_\_\_\_

A mission was: \_\_\_\_\_

Two important missions were in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Utes Meet Escalante

Fathers Francisco \_\_\_\_\_ and Silvestre \_\_\_\_\_ were priests who became the first non-Indians to explore the \_\_\_\_\_. They were sent by the Spanish to find a better \_\_\_\_\_ from Santa Fe to \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ men went on the journey. When they heard about hostile \_\_\_\_\_ in what is now Arizona, they went farther \_\_\_\_\_ through what is now \_\_\_\_\_.

*Question: The Dominguez-Escalante expedition in the West started in July, 1776. What was happening at the time in the thirteen colonies in the East?*

*Question: Read the journal entries. What did Father Escalante promise the Indians they would do on the return journey?*

After leaving the Indian \_\_\_\_\_ near \_\_\_\_\_ today, the Spaniards headed south. Lack of \_\_\_\_\_, much \_\_\_\_\_, and an early winter \_\_\_\_\_ just north of today's \_\_\_\_\_ stopped the explorers from going on to California. Instead, they returned to \_\_\_\_\_.

Although they never made it to Monterey, Father Escalante's \_\_\_\_\_ and Miera's \_\_\_\_\_ became a valuable \_\_\_\_\_ for future explorers. The Spanish fathers also established friendly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with American Indians.

## Mountain Men

As fur trappers left the \_\_\_\_\_ to trap in the mountains, they became known as \_\_\_\_\_. They were employees of American, \_\_\_\_\_, or Mexican fur companies. The company traders took the \_\_\_\_\_ to St. Louis to \_\_\_\_\_.

About \_\_\_\_\_ men went west to trap.

## Rendezvous!

Through the fall, \_\_\_\_\_, and spring the trappers tended their \_\_\_\_\_. They had too many \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ with them, so they often dug a \_\_\_\_\_ to hide the furs. This was called a \_\_\_\_\_.

At a chosen place and chosen time of year, they would meet Indians and other traders. This was called a \_\_\_\_\_.

The rendezvous was an important time. It was usually \_\_\_\_\_ by a large fur-trading \_\_\_\_\_. The company and mountain men \_\_\_\_\_, or traded, furs for supplies.

*Question: What are two things mountain men would do at a rendezvous?*

\_\_\_\_\_ Valley was one of the sites of the rendezvous, which is how it got its name.

*In the early 1800s, people wore tall felt \_\_\_\_\_  
made of \_\_\_\_\_ fur. Hat makers used the  
short-haired fur from a beaver's  
\_\_\_\_\_ to produce the \_\_\_\_\_ felt.*

## Indian Trapper Conflict

Many times the Indian people were \_\_\_\_\_ to the trappers and served as \_\_\_\_\_ along the rivers and trails, and some even got married. Sometimes, however, Indian people did not want the trappers on their \_\_\_\_\_. They would \_\_\_\_\_ and take their horses and furs in order to get the \_\_\_\_\_ off their land.

Mountain men were seen as \_\_\_\_\_ in their time, but today we see that they represented the best and the \_\_\_\_\_ in people. They were brave and \_\_\_\_\_ men, but they often did not \_\_\_\_\_ the American Indians.

## Trapping Companies

1. British trappers from the \_\_\_\_\_ were first.
2. Americans who worked for the \_\_\_\_\_ were next.
3. Many other trappers did not work for the large fur companies.

## Utah's Mountain Men

*Question: Choose one of the trapper routes on the map on p. 74. Then read about that trapper on p. 75-77. Next, write three interesting facts about the trapper.*

*Name of trapper:*

*Fact 1:*

*Fact 2:*

*Fact 3:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Smith always took his rifle and his \_\_\_\_\_ with him to trap. He was the first to travel the length and \_\_\_\_\_ of Utah. He also showed that no \_\_\_\_\_ flowed from the Great Salt Lake to the Pacific Ocean.

Peter \_\_\_\_\_ Ogden led many trappers into the Cache \_\_\_\_\_ and Ogden regions. His daily \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the earliest written accounts of \_\_\_\_\_ Utah.

Jim Bridger originally thought the Great Salt Lake was the \_\_\_\_\_. But he later found out it was just a really salty lake.

\_\_\_\_\_ Beckwourth was born a slave in \_\_\_\_\_. He headed west to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ and was adopted by a tribe of \_\_\_\_\_ Indians.

Etienne Provost established Indian \_\_\_\_\_ posts along the shores of the Great Salt Lake and Utah Lake. The city of \_\_\_\_\_ is named after him.

\_\_\_\_\_ Robidoux built many \_\_\_\_\_ and used them as trading posts.

Joseph R. \_\_\_\_\_ was a trapper who later worked as a \_\_\_\_\_ for pioneer groups going to \_\_\_\_\_.

## The End of an Era

The mountain men worked in the West for about \_\_\_\_\_ years. By the early 1840s, their \_\_\_\_\_ business was over. The mountain men and Indians had hunted \_\_\_\_\_ so much that only a \_\_\_\_\_ remained. \_\_\_\_\_ had changed, too.

Some trappers worked as \_\_\_\_\_, while others became government \_\_\_\_\_ and mapmakers.

The \_\_\_\_\_ between the explorers and trappers and the American Indians changed the lifestyle of the Indians \_\_\_\_\_. At first, trade made the Indians' lives \_\_\_\_\_ and made them more \_\_\_\_\_ against their enemies. When great numbers of white \_\_\_\_\_ started living in the Utah region, the balance of \_\_\_\_\_ shifted.